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Claim 25 cancelled
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Claim 28 (Currently Amended) An oil pan and filter assembly having an axis parallel to the direction an automotive vehicle normally travels, comprising:

~~an oil pan~~ a housing adapted for attachment to an automotive vehicle device, the ~~oil pan~~ having housing defining a space for accumulating oil between a floor of the housing and ~~an open top portion~~ and an opening to a sump;

~~a~~ pleated filter media disposed ~~at the open top portion of the oil pan to close the open top in the opening to the sump~~, the filter media having a dirty side facing upwardly and a clean side facing the sump; the pleated filter media having peaks and valleys extending in a direction parallel to the axis of the automotive vehicle to define troughs which keep a portion of the oil on the dirty side of the filter media from laterally shifting when the automotive vehicle turns, and floor of the pan, and the filter media having sufficient resistance to flow of oil therethrough to retain the oil on the dirty side of the filter media, and

~~a suction passageway extending from the space in the oil pan~~ from the sump to a location outside of the oil pan, the suction passageway adapted to be connected to a suction pump for pulling the oil ~~through the filter media into the space in the pan~~ out of the sump and conveying the oil out of the pan for recirculation.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented) The oil pan assembly of claim 28 wherein the automotive vehicle device is a transmission and the oil is transmission oil.

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Claim 30 (Previously Presented) The oil pan assembly of claim 28 wherein the automotive vehicle device is an engine and wherein the oil is lubricating oil.

Claim 31 (Cancelled)
Claim 32 (Cancelled)
Claim 33 (Cancelled)
Claim 34 (Cancelled)

Claim 35 (Currently amended) The oil pan and filter assembly of claim 28 wherein the filter media is separable from the opening pan so as to be replaceable.

Claim 36 (Currently Amended) The oil pan and filter assembly of claim 35 wherein the filter media is retained within a frame to provide a filter element, which filter element is separable from the oil pan so as to be replaceable.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented) The oil pan assembly of claim 28 wherein the suction passageway is a return pipe which is part of the oil pan.